



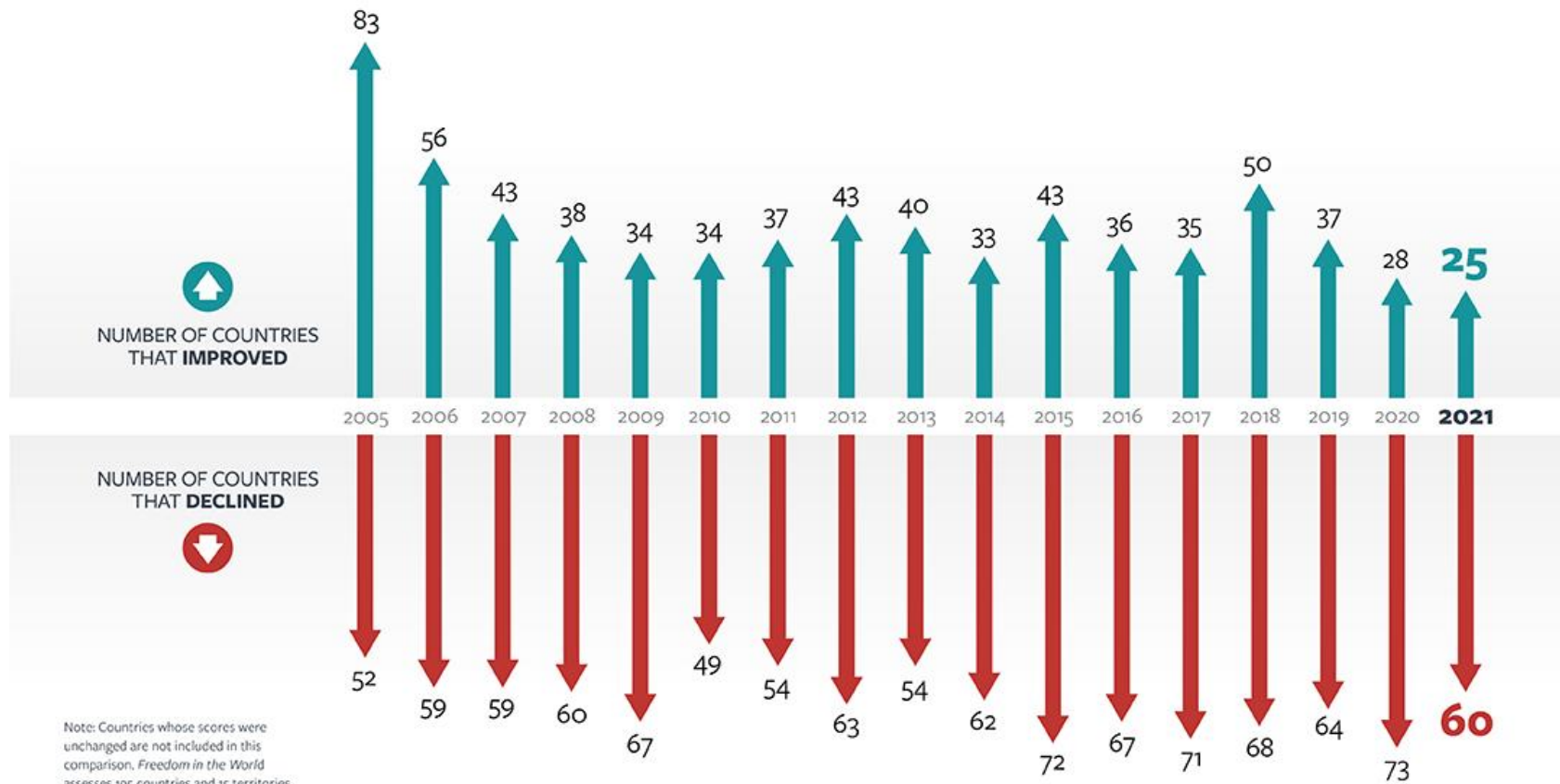
# Democratic Renewal through Civic Education

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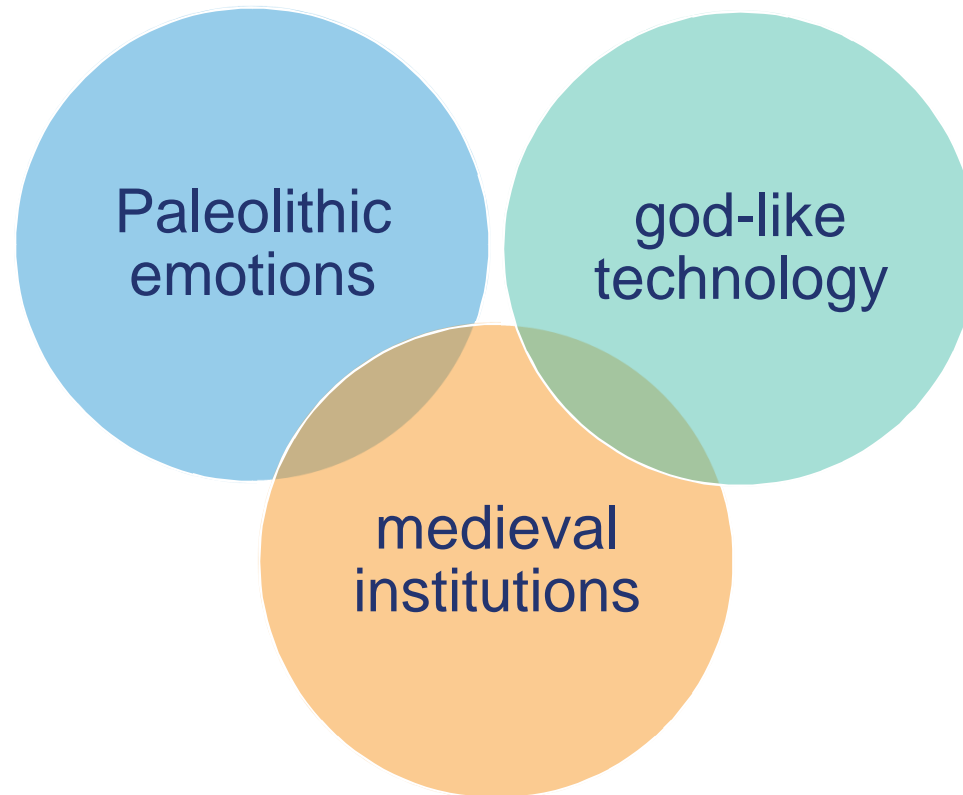
## 16 Years of Democratic Decline

Countries with aggregate score declines in *Freedom in the World* have outnumbered those with gains every year for the past 16 years.



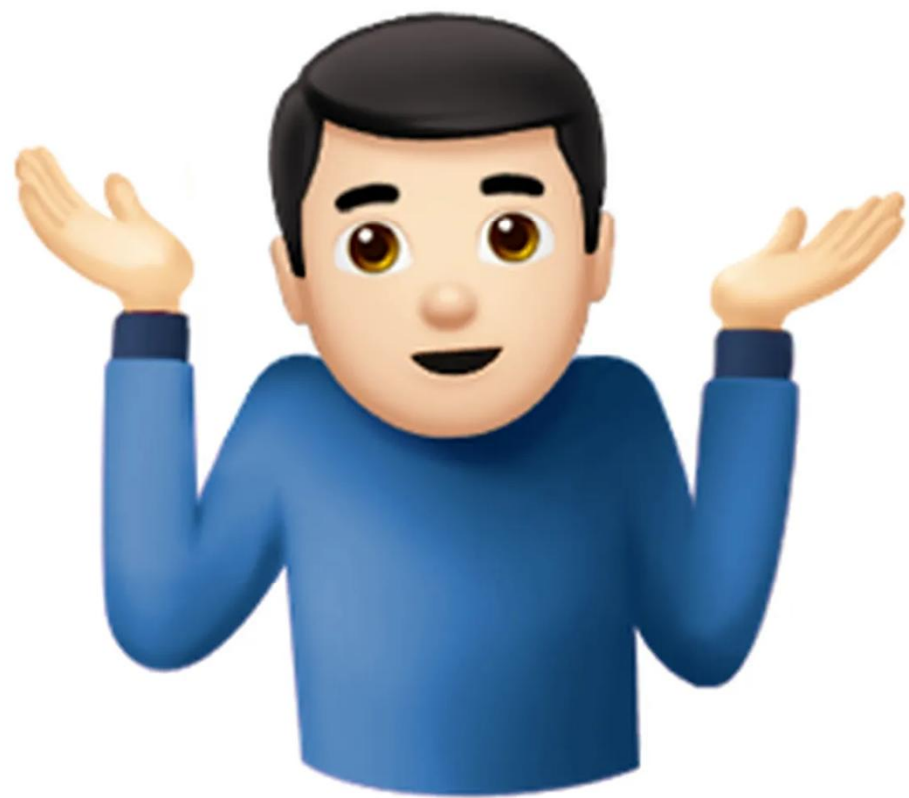
# “The real problem of humanity...”

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- Edward O. Wilson

# Silver Bullet?



**“Without teachers, there are no citizens,  
and without citizens, there is no  
democracy.”**

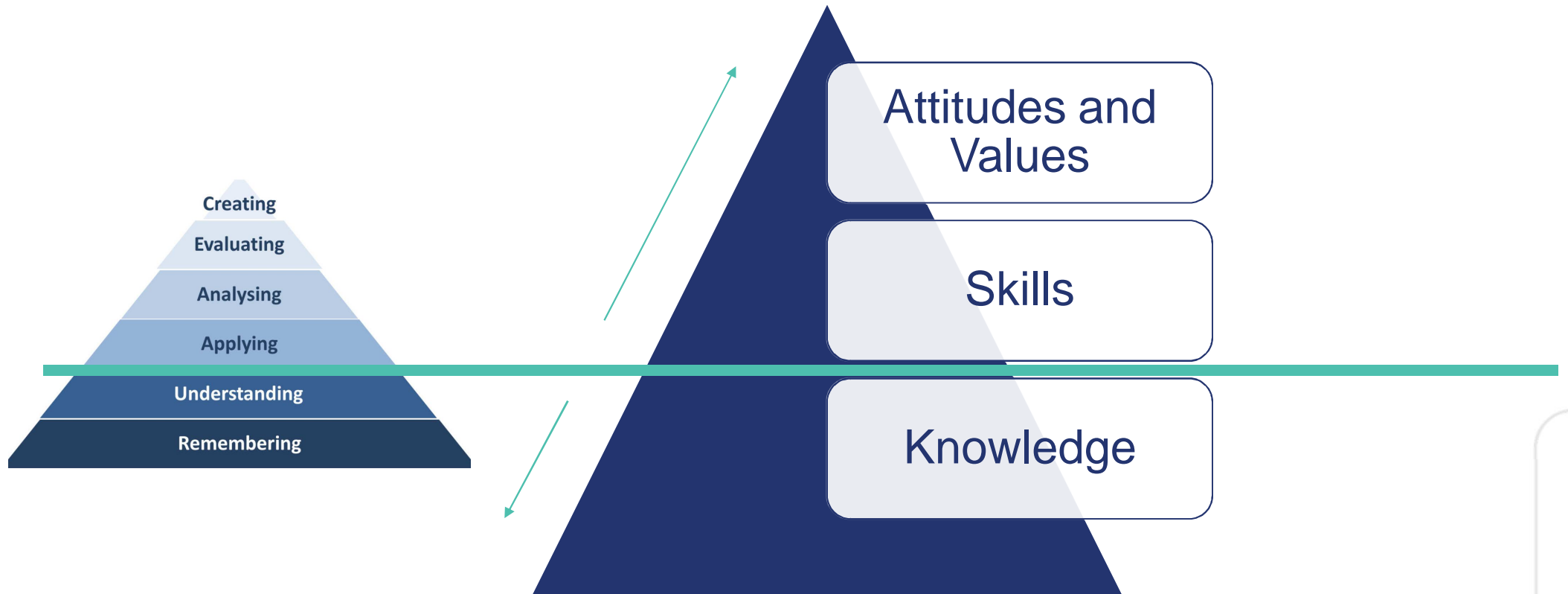
**- Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission**



**Why are we failing?**

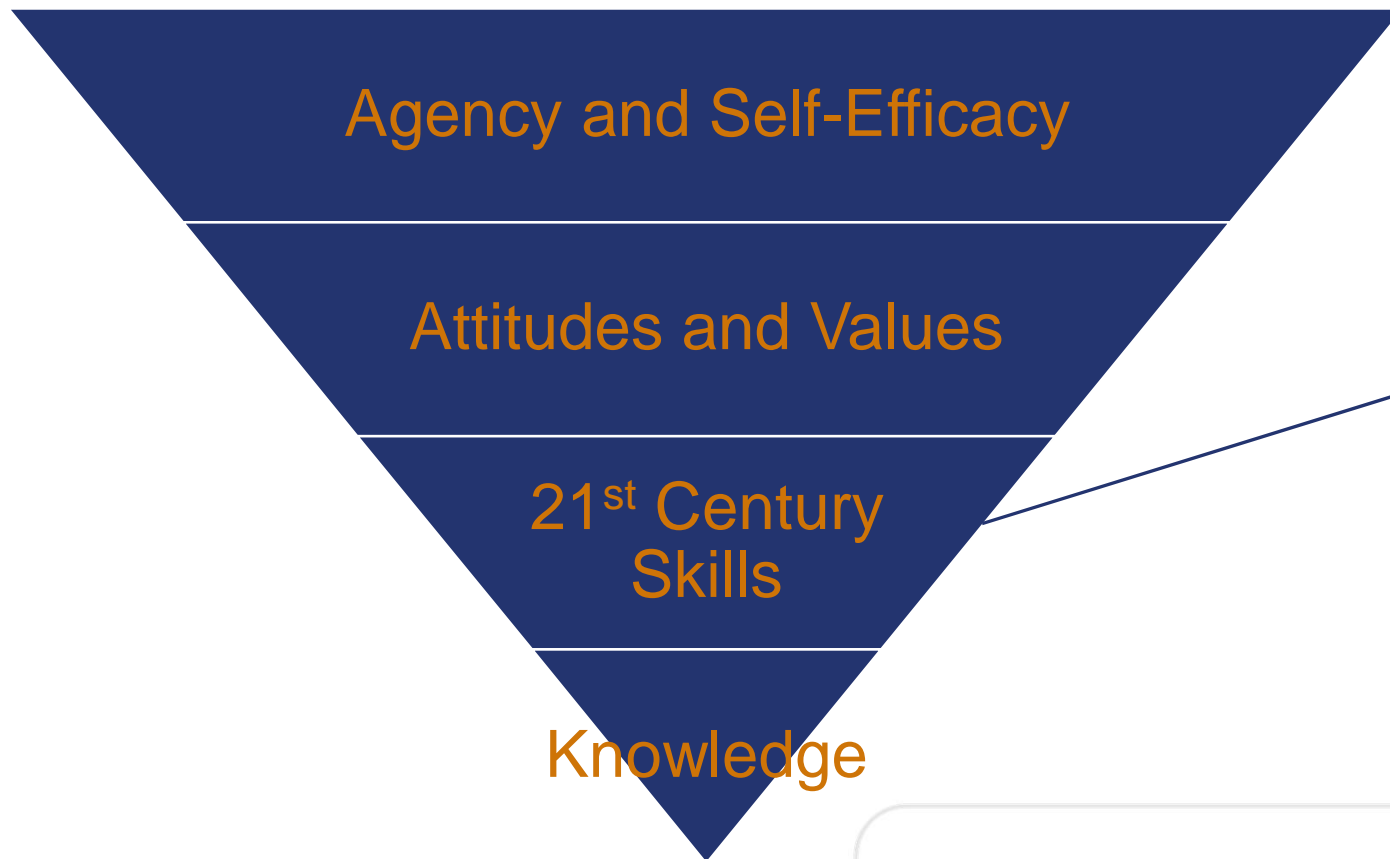
# Effective Civic Education

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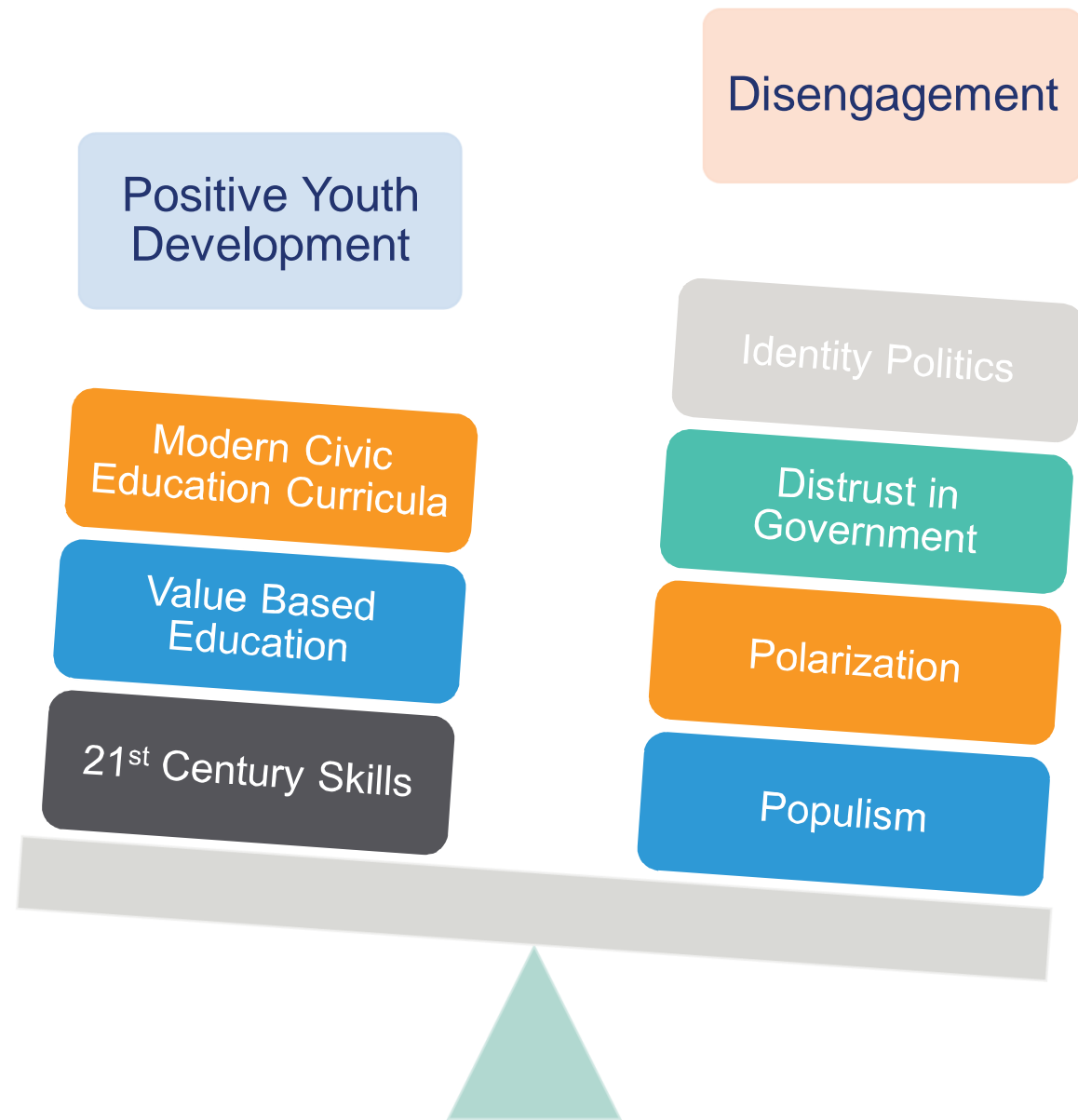




# Modern Civic Education



- Critical thinking*
- Creativity*
- Collaboration*
- Communication*
- Information literacy*
- Media literacy*
- Technology literacy*
- Flexibility*
- Leadership*
- Initiative*
- Productivity*
- Social skills*





# Recommendations

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prioritize civic education as an essential component for democratic renewal

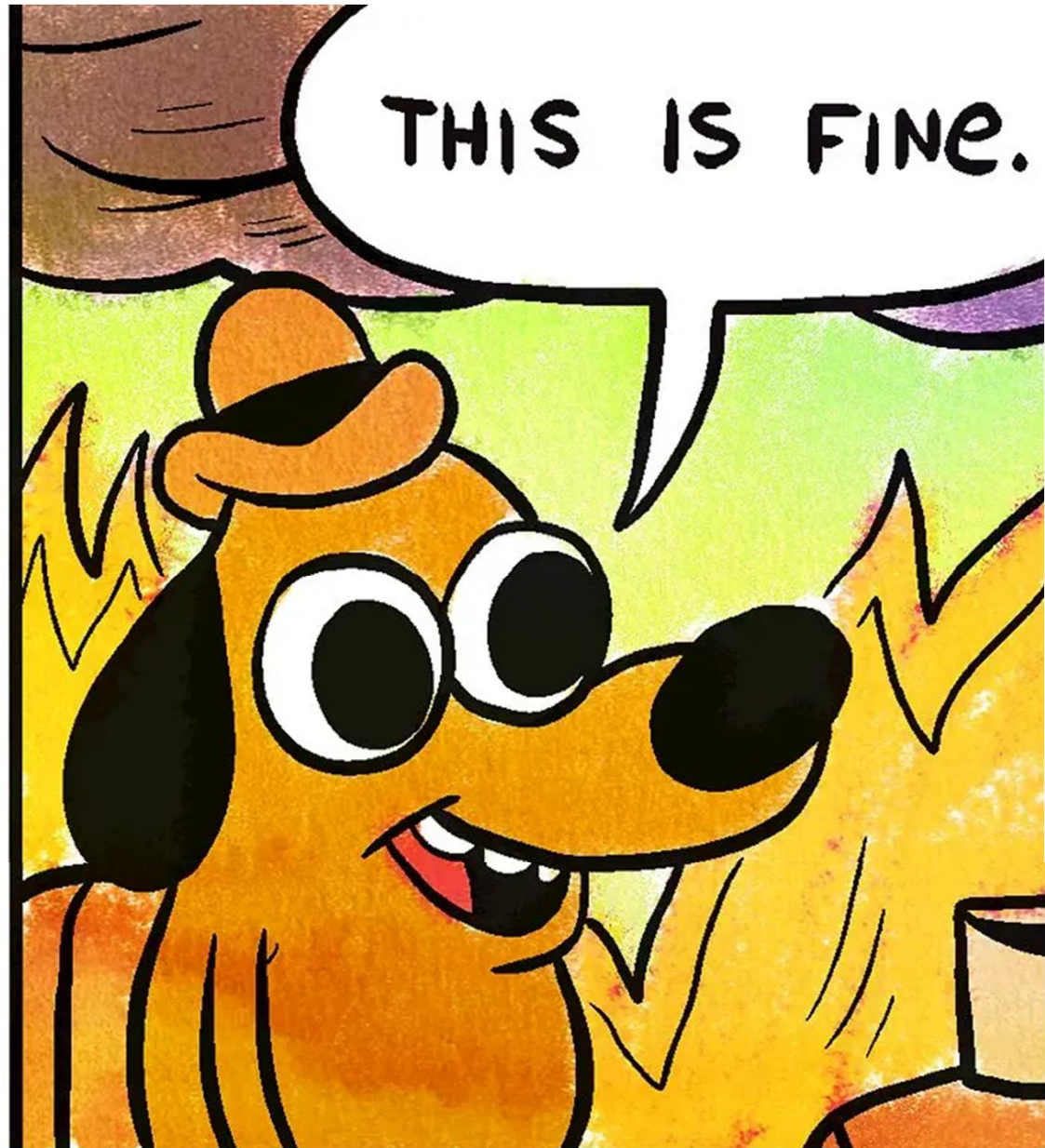
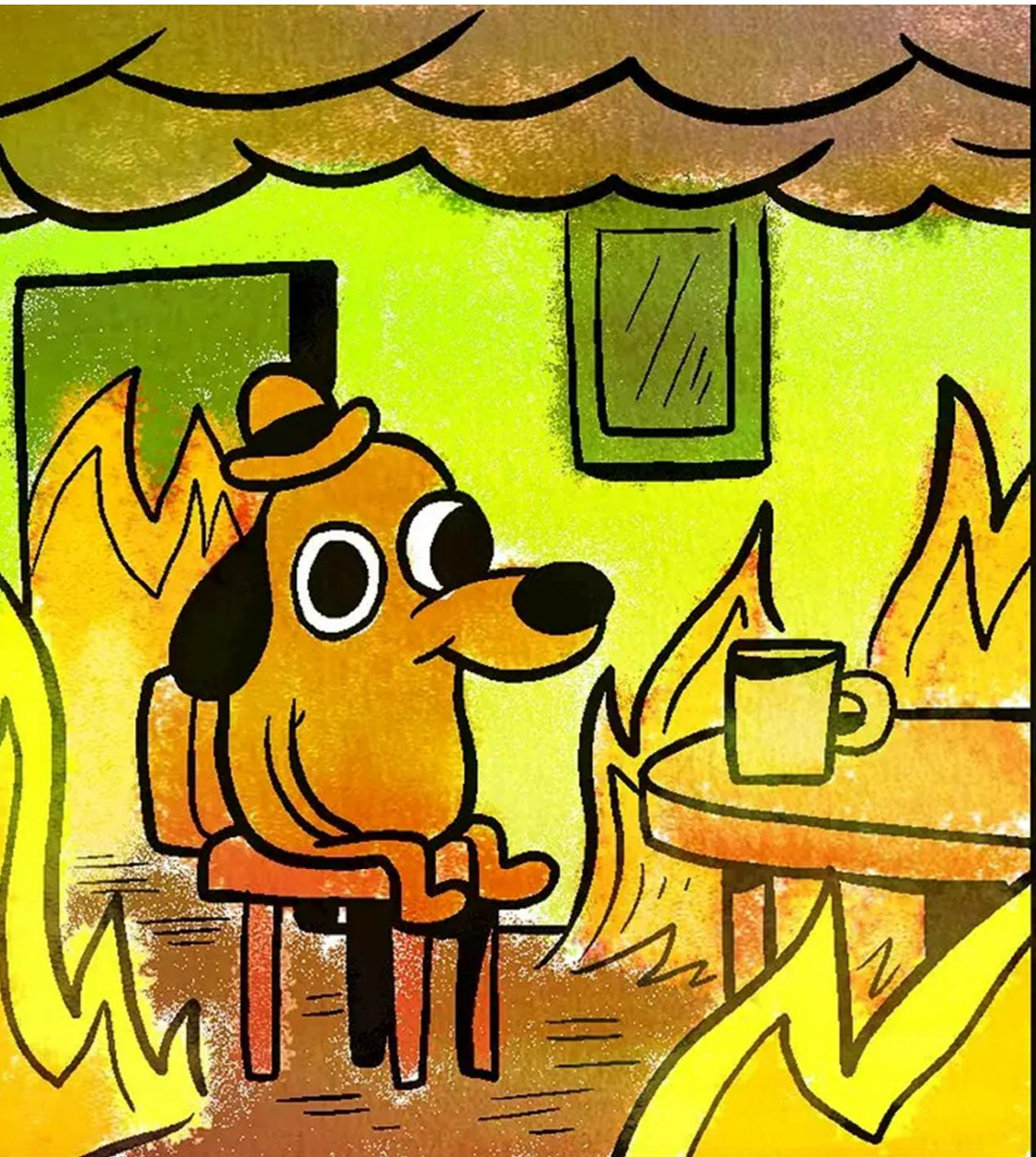
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emphasize exposure to diverse views, followed by learning experiences that emphasize civil discourse, develop informed views, and foster skills to critically analyze information

3

institutionalize democratic values in schools, colleges and universities through a positive youth development approach







**Thank you and *Slava Ukraini***

